GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FUNCTIONING AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF LOK ADALATS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the functioning and achievements of the Lok Adalats set up in various States;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate a policy to set up permanent Lok Adalats in metropolitan cities of the country including Delhi; and

(d) if so, the time by which the policy is likely to be formulated and implemented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS

(SHRI RAM JETHMALANI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) which is the apex body constituted under the Legal Services authorities Act, 1987, to establish, monitor and review the Lok Adalats, is continuously reviewing and monitoring the progress of the Lok Adalats. As on 31st December, 1999, 49415 Lok Adalats have already been organized throughout the country in which about 97.2 lakh cases have been amicably settled. Apart from the same, permanent Lok Adalats are being established in all the Districts in all the States throughout the country as well as government departments, Statutory Bodies and Autonomous Bodies.In Delhi, Permanent Lok Adalats have been established separately for Delhi Vidyut Board, Delhi Development Authority, MTNL, MCD, NDMC General Insurance Corporation etc. in which so far 2145 matters have already been settled amicably.